

NOT READY FOR WAR

Japan Seeking Mastery of Merchant Marine on Pacific.

NIPPON GIVES BIG SUBSIDIES

Tonnage of Japanese Transportation Companies Rapidly Increases—United States Has Not One-Half of Tonnage That is Credited to Mikado's Ships.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Ambassador Aoki's recall to Japan, coming almost at the same moment as the departure of the fleet for the Pacific, has started fresh rumors afloat as to the imminence of a violent break in the friendly relations between the United States and the Mikado's Empire. On the other hand representatives of both countries assert officially that the situation is better than it has been for months past. Officially of course it is not recognized that there has ever been a crisis in the relations of the two countries, but the very fact that officials are willing to admit that the situation was at one time decidedly strained is regarded as the best indication that the acute stage is past and that the authorities see a clear understanding ahead.

Another phase of the situation is presented by Aichi Kinnosuke, the well-known Japanese writer, in an exceedingly frank article in the January Appleton's, which has aroused much interest here in diplomatic and administration circles. According to Mr. Kinnosuke Japan does not want war because she is too much concerned in securing the absolute commercial mastery of the Pacific by the rapid expansion of her merchant fleets. She is straining every nerve to accomplish this before the United States wakes up to the importance of building and operating commercial vessels in the Pacific. That the land of the Rising Sun will be ready to fight to maintain her advantage when her conquest is secure Mr. Kinnosuke does not say, but it may be inferred from what he tells of his country's past policy.

The rapid expansion of Japan's shipping interests in the period following the war with China, the extension of ship yards and the building of ships, says Mr. Kinnosuke, was for the one purpose of

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preparing for war with Russia. At the present time the expansion is much greater and the ships that are being turned out are larger and more important. In 1903 the total tonnage of Japan's merchant fleet, according to the figures given in the Appleton article, was 657,200 tons, made up of steamers. At the present time the tonnage is over 1,200,000. The Nippon Yusen Kaisha, the largest of the Japanese companies, has a greater tonnage than any ocean steamship company in the United States and is adding new lines and new steamships every year. A significant undertaking is the establishment of a new Japanese company which is to operate a hundred vessels from the beginning covering practically all Pacific ports.

"Against all this Nippon activity," says the writer, "what has the United States done to cover the Pacific? The merchant tonnage of the United States on the Pacific does not seem to be one-half that of Nippon; one can figure it in many ways, but this is the best he can say of it. When it comes to the trans-Pacific service the showing is much worse. We have heard from Mr. Hill; he is not going to replace the Dakota—we cannot see why he should. Offers have been made and there is reason to believe, are being made now by Nippon companies for the purchase of the ships of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company and those of the Oceanic Steamship Company."

As showing that Japan is thoroughly in earnest in her determination to control the Pacific, Mr. Kinnosuke quotes the Japanese subsidy law which gives from 12-12 to 30 cents a ton for every 1,000 miles sailed by a ship owned in Japan. It also grants a bounty of \$6 to \$12 a ton and \$5 a horse power on every ship built in Japanese yards.

The conclusion reached from reading the statements of this outspoken Japanese writer is that Japan will not fight now because she is not ready. When she has secured the commercial mastery of the Pacific and when, as seems likely, the American flag has entirely disappeared from that ocean, there may be a different story to tell.

ARRESTED FOR EXTORTION.

SAN JOSE, Cal., Oct. 26.—Tony Schiro, indicted by the Cook county grand jury of Illinois on charges of attempting to extort money was arrested here yesterday and is being held pending instructions from Chicago.

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